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September 14, 2015

The Honorable Tom Torlakson,
Superintendent of Public Instruction
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Superintendent Torlakson:

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance/Greater San Gabriel Valley Lodge (CACA/GSGVL) asks to include the Asian Lunar New Year as part of the History – Social Science Framework.

Lunar New Year is celebrated in many Asian communities around the world, including the United States, and especially California - where it is predominantly celebrated by 2.5 million Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese residents as a significant part of their deeply held cultural family traditions.

Please include a discussion of the Asian Lunar New Year in the History-Social Science Framework. The discussion should focus on how the Lunar New Year is a tradition that is practiced in different communities. Students should compare how it is celebrated in their local communities and how it connects people today to traditions from the past. The framework should also note that this sometimes is viewed as a religious holiday and the teaching of the Lunar New Year should be done respectfully while avoiding endorsing religious practices.

Enclosed for your reference are copies of our Lodge's resolution in support of Asian Lunar New Year adopted on June 15, 2015 and the resolution passed during the Chinese American Citizens Alliance National Convention held August 6 – 9, 2015.

Sincerely,

John Y. Wong, President
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cc. Thomas Adams, Ph.D., Executive Director, Instructional Quality Commission
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